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		Filing Date October 5, 2001
		Examiner Tran, Con P.
		Group Art Unit 2644



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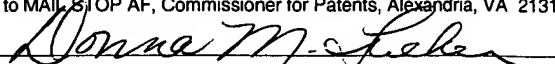
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Serial No.: 09/972,465	Atty. Docket No.: 75449.007
Filed: October 5, 2001	
For: Lay-In Tile Speaker System	Examiner: Tran, Con P.

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Responsive to the official communication of January 25, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks, which submissions are mailed within two months of the date of mailing of the Final Rejection. It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Amendment. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 08-3460.

Amendments

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121 and 37 CFR §1.116, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.